



CHINA MARKET BRIEFING



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2016 CHINA MARKET RECAP



Summery of Recap

AFFLUENT SEGMENT BOOMING

- -Growth: 17% annual spending increase v. 5% middle class
- -Spend categories: food, education and travel
- -Location: 46% will live in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities by 2020

YOUNG DEMOGRAPHIC KEY

- -Age: under 35 is dominant force in China's consumer market
- -Absolute growth:under-35 demographic will drive a 55% growth in consumer spending over the next 5 years
- -Share: by 2022 will represent 53% of total Chinese consumption

FIT SOARING

- -Soaring segment: 40% of visitors to the US in 2016 were FIT and growing
- -Experienced: 5.5 international trips on average
- -Confident: 41% speak English, 77% have Bachelor degree or above

RISING DISPOSABLE INCOMES:

- -Disposable incomes grew 7.8% in 2016
- -Upper middle & high-income class set to make up 30% of the population by 2030, triple today's level

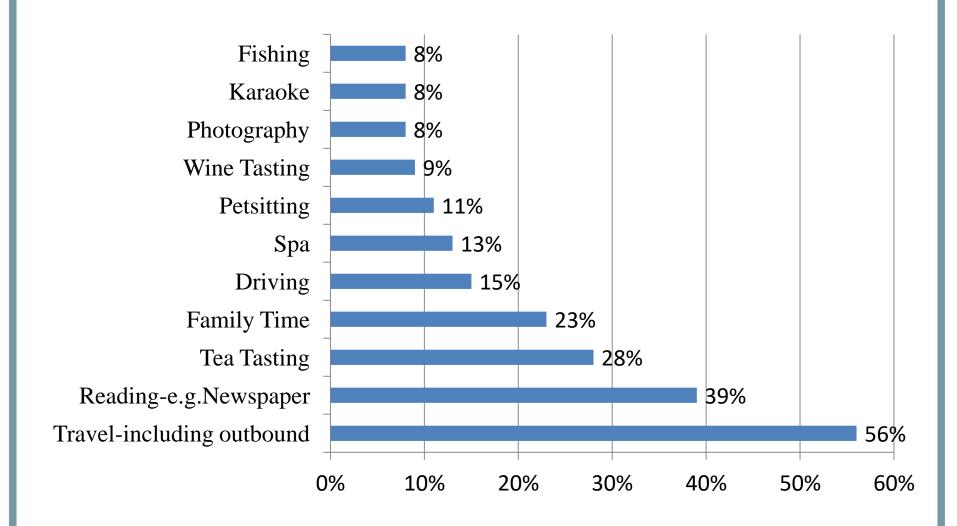
SOARING MIDDLE CLASS:

- -2015: 300 million (1/4 of China's population)
- -2020: 600 million (1/2 of China's population)

CHINA MARKET UPDATE



Preferred Leisure Activities of China's Middle & Upper Classes



Source: Brand USA research

China Outbound Travel Market Growth

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2013
       97 million ---World's #1 source market
2014
          115 million --- Double 2010 levels
   2015
             120 million ---9% of China's population
       2016
                 133 million ---9.5% of China's population
            2017
                     146 million ---10.5% of China's population
                2020
                          250 million ---14% annual growth
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Source: WTO

Chinese Overseas Travel Expenditures

2014

2015

2016

\$164 BILLION,

27% increase, higher than the 2013 increase of 24%

China contributes nearly 20% of the world's travel increase during that year Continued to soar an additional 23%

48% of Chinese outbound tourists indicate they plan to increase travel spend

60% will spend over \$1,500 for each trip

China overtakes the U.S. as the #1 **BUSINESS** travel market in the world, generating 20% of global business travel spend

Overseas tourism spend reaches \$242 billion, up 20% over 2015 level

A few numbers at a glance

- -Average \$7,500 spend per person per trip to U.S.
- -19% of the annual salaries on overseas travel is spend per trip by middle and upper classes
- -28% Chinese travelers expect to spend \$5000-\$7,499 for next U.S. trip

Source: World Travel and Tourism Council; China Tourism Academy

Population: Rise of Tier 2 Cities

We all know----China is a massive target market with adult population which is at 1,051 millions

- •5 times larger than the U.S.
- •20 times the adult population of the U.K.



However, what we don't know----KEY TO THE RISE OF CHINA'S TIER 2 MARKETS IS THE MASSIVE POPULATION OF THESE SECONDARY MARKETS:

- •10 MILLION POPULATION: 13 cities in China
- •5 MILLION POPULATION: 80 cities in China
- •1 MILLION POPULATION: 140 cities in China

•compared with just 10 in the U.S.

Source: CTA;Ctrip;CNTA

New China-U.S. Flight Launches in 2017

Destinations	Routes	Airlines	Frequency	Remarks
Los Angeles	Xiamen-Los Angeles	Xiamen Airlines	3X Weekly	Launched in June
	Shenzhen-Los Angeles	Air China	3X Weekly	Planned in July
New York	Fuzhou-New York	Xiamen Airlines	3X Weekly	Launched in Feb

Current annual seat capacity stands at **4,791,385** regularly-scheduled seats, a capacity jump of **500,000** seats versus just **6 months ago**

-15 U.S. Non-Stop Gateways to China Cities on West Coast: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Las Vegas, San Jose

Source: Brand USA research

China Airlift to the U.S.

16 China Non-Stop Gateways to the U.S

Current

- Beijing
- Shanghai
- Guangzhou
- Chengdu
- Wuhan
- Nanjing
- Xian
- Hangzhou
- Changsha

New

- Shenyang
- Shenzhen
- Qingdao
- Fuzhou
- Chongqing
- Jinan
- Tianjin

China has 206 airports and is now building another 66 major new airports —a 32% increase in number of airports in China in just the coming 5 years

Source: Brand USA research

2017 New Trend-Mobile

SHIFT TO MOBILE

- •Size: 1.3 billion mobile phones in China means 1 mobile for every Chinese on average
- •FIT means mobile: most FITs use their mobile phone to book travel
- •Mobile Internet: 685 million users use their mobile to access the Internet; 50%+4G

MOBILE IN TRAVEL PURCHASE

- •Travel search & planning: over half of destination search & planning is done on mobile
- •Bookings: 72% of online bookings on Top 5 OTAs are done directly via mobiles; 81% of online hotel bookings are made on mobiles
- •Booking apps: OTAs lead the way, with traditional TO/TAs playing catch up

Source: CTA, Ctrip, Wechat, Tencent

2017 New Trend-Mobile Payment

Two dominated mobile payment systems in mainland China

- •Alipay:
 - -54% China's third-party mobile payment volume market share
 - +450 Million Active Members
 - 26 foreign countries and regions
 - 18 foreign currencies.
- •WeChat Pay:
 - 889 Million Active Users
 - 70% Chinese use WeChat
 - 15 foreign countries and regions
 - 12 foreign currencies
- •Now, they are mainly setup at Restaurants, Airport Merchants, Luxury Retailers, Hotels, tourism attractions.



CITCON Payment Solution

www.citcon-inc.com







Source: CITCON; Tencent

2017 New Trend-Online Booking Habits

GROWTH IS FOUND ONLINE:

- •20% growth in online purchases of travel in 2016
- •\$732 billion in tourism products bought online in 2016
- •Online tools are key in both the destination selection and actual booking
- •Online platforms are the China outbound travel purchasing channels of the future

OTAS GAINING MARKET SHARE:

- •2017 Chinese New Year OTA bookings up 60% v. overall outbound market up 10%
- •3 OTAs dominate: C-Trip, Qunar and Tuniu--over 80% of China's OTA sector
- •Air tickets (#2 after OTA booking) and accommodations (#3) are increasingly being booked on service providers' websites directly
- •Fly & Drive and car rental are soaring in popularity

Source: CTA;Ctrip

U.S. Visa Updates

VISA REJECTIONS:

- •Individual cases of Visa rejections happened on part of the applicants when applying the U.S. Visa for MICE groups, which have created some concerns among both Chinese travel partners and some US destinations
- No dramatic drop on the passing rate of Visa application for leisure guests.

US TRAVEL BAN:

- •Little media coverage in China
- •Little interest among media and general public
- •Perceived image increased safety in the US



PARTNERSHIP WITH BRAND USA



Leveraging China's 1st and 2nd Tier Markets

•U.S. PRESENCE

The U.S. is expanding its consular presence in Wuhan, Chengdu and Shenyang since these 3 markets are the fastest-growing of China

•BRAND USA MISSION:

Brand USA has extended its annual China Mission to include Wuhan & Shenyang for the first time, to leverage this phenomenal growth in China's 2nd tier markets

•BRAND USA ROAD SHOW:

Organized by four offices (Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Chengdu) by monthly to educate Travel Trade National wide and secure development of new U.S. Tour product beyond the traditional U.S. gateways.

More exposure on the market

BRAND USA FAM GROUP

- -target both leisure & MICE markets: Aim to introduce more resources to the travel trade partners and build up confident on promoting the destinations by showing the willingness of cooperation.
- -rapidly boost earned media coverage/visibility nationwide

•BRAND USA related events or Campaign:

-generate China Co-op Investment opportunities for partner





Brand USA-"National Parks Adventure" Film Premiere on June in Beijing

DESTINATION APPEALS

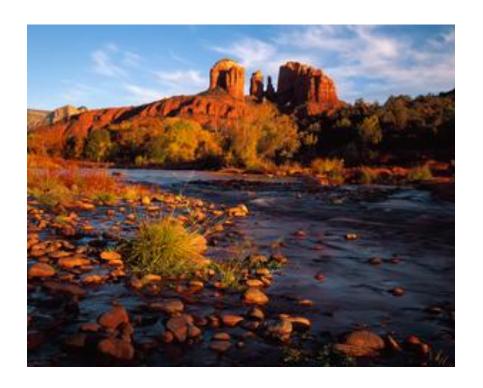


Match Arizona's profile?

- •BEYOND THE GATEWAYS: rapid growth in travel beyond the gateways & the icons to rural areas, National Parks, and lesser-known States
- •DURATION:10-14 day trips to the U.S. are increasingly popular
- •IN-DEPTH EXPERIENTIAL TRAVEL: slow-moving, experiential travel is the new trend
- •HOT 2017 U.S. TRAVEL THEMES FOR CHINESE:
- -National Parks
- -Fly & Drive
- -Wine Tasting
- -Extended/Joint Family travel
- -Soft Adventure
- -Educational Travel

Arizona's advantages

- Iconic views
- Clean & Fresh Air
- Western Style and Cowboy culture along Route 66
- Warm Seasonal Weather
- Less Crowdedness
- More safety
- Shopping
- In-depth travel experience



TRAVEL TRENDS



Rapid shift in Style of U.S. Travel

- •Rapid increase in repeat travelers to the U.S., mostly due to 10-year visa
- •Rapid rise in **FIT travelers to the U.S.; FIT market far outpacing overall outbound market**
- •Rapid increase in Skeleton Package travelers to the U.S., many of which are booked online via OTA or direct on service providers' websites
- •Growth of themed tours and in-depth tours focusing on one or two states with focus on more authentic, richer experiences e.g. National Parks series product-combining NPs in both Utah and Arizona
- •Fly & Drive market is booming among FITs
- •Secondary markets of China growing faster than traditional Tier 1 cities
- -Tier 1 Cities: Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Tianjin
- -Tier 2 Cities: Chongqing, Chengdu, Wuhan, Haerbin, Shenyang, Hangzhou, Changsha Xiamen, etc

Hotel Bookings

• HOTEL WEBSITES:

- Direct hotel bookings via hotel own digital platforms are rapidly growing

HOTEL BOOKING ENGINES:

-Booking engines such as Ctrip.com(booking.com) or Agoda are increasingly important hotel booking channels for Chinese FITs

MEDIA TRENDS



Social Media

Social Media Channels in China

- -Most social media channels we are familiar with are blocked in China e.g. Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Google
- -In China, the people mainly use its own homegrown social media channels e.g. Weibo(Twitter), WeChat (smart phone apps like Facebook), Youku(YouTube)

WeChat

- -Quickly becoming one of the China's most popular social media channels, an instant messaging and multimedia service that combines the attributes of WhatsApp + Twitter + Facebook + Instagram.
 - -It has 806 million monthly active users worldwide and is the most direct way for brands to connect to mobile consumers in China.
- -WeChat is a great channel for sharing inspirational image-driven content and useful travel tips. It is also a key tool for targeting the millennial audience weibo

Weibo

- -The primary platform to post news and is a great channel for users to connect with celebrities and brands; it has the highest engagement among trend-setters, with 150 million monthly active users across a wide demographic in China.
- -Total advertising expenditure on China social network is expected to reach RMB 44.9 billion in 2017

CHINA READY



Daily communication

- Popular daily communication tool: WeChat
 - send message
 - voice call
 - video call
 - share photos and news in MOMENTS!



- Prepare a destination brochure, video, audio guide in Chinese Language
 - Shopping center
 - Attractions
 - Tour activities
- Hire Chinese-speaking staff or Chinese Staff
 - Hotel & Resorts
 - Visitor Centers
 - Tour Company

Culture Differences

- Building Guanxi (personal relationships) is important
- Gift giving indicates that you are interested in building a relationship
 - ➤ Do NOT give:
 - Clocks or Bells, Yellow Chrysanthemums (means tragedy happens in someone's family)
 - Green hats to man(means wife cheated on her husband)
 - Umbrellas (means lovers will be apart or family will be broken)
 - ➤ Do NOT wrap gifts with black or white paper (means bad luck)
 - ➤ Red and Gold are always a good choice of color!(means lucky and rich)
- Avoid awkward topics such as Taiwan, Hong Kong or Tibet
- "Saving Face", not "Losing Face"
- Lucky Numbers: 8, 9, 6
- Unlucky numbers: 4, 7, 14 (please don't put your hotel guests on these floors)
- Make an effort to learn and use at least a few words in Chinese; your initiative will be noticed and appreciated.
 - Ni Hao (你好!) Xiexie(谢谢!) Bukeqi (不客气!)

FY17-AOT China

New Product Developments

1) Wholesaler/Tour Operator: Utour

- -New leisure travel package to include Phoenix, Tucson, Sedona designed with Utour
- -Some biggest selling points: Saguaro National Park, Sedonared rock, Route 66 & Grand Canyon National Park-South Rim
- -Total 392 slots sold out from April to June, total 21 groups, from 10 pax (VIP group) up to 30 pax per group from Shanghai and Beijing.



2) LeTV Sports

- -Outdoor expert Mr. David Cai and his team designed a new outdoor themed product after FAM trip to Arizona.
 - -In-depth hiking tour to Havasupai Fall for 3 nights and total trip for 9 days in Arizona.
 - -Total 18 people made the trip in May 20-28,2017
 - -New group in Sep is under discussion with AOA tour

5月20日, 乐视体育带你走进美国科罗拉多大峡谷 探秘原始印第安部落 这段刺激炫酷的行程即将开启! 带上你的朋友、家人 一起来体验这段奇妙之旅吧!







2. 游览著名的美国66号公路

第一天 5月20日 周六 (北京—凤凰城)

航班

HU495 20MAY 北京—西雅图 15:40 (北京时间)— 11:35 (当地时间)

AS926 20MAY 西雅图—凤凰城 13:35—16:25 (当地时间)

凤凰城—梅萨市(the City ofMesa),入住希尔顿酒店修整,自

梅萨是凤凰城都会区的第三大城市,位于都会区东部的"东部峡 谷"(也称太阳谷)地区,距离凤凰城市中心和机场15分钟车程 直达。

梅萨是全美人口增长最快的城市之一,人口数超过了迈阿密和 匹兹堡。





MATE AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY.

交通:飞机、巴士 用餐:飞机餐、晚餐自理 住宿:梅萨市希尔顿酒店

• AOT official Sina weibo: **109%** increase of followers in FY 17; Total **24,280** followers as of June 2017; Year-to-date impressions are **0.8** million



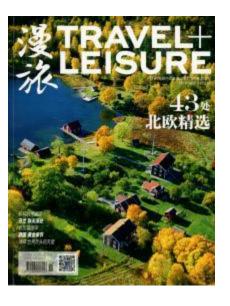
• Off-line Media Publicity: AD Value US\$ **2.85** million











• On-line Media Publicity: AD Value US\$ 1.50 million





• Total Number of Impressions: **63.4** million





• Digital Influencers Engagement: 2 award winning KOLs participants of media fam in FY 17; Total engagement are **20** million; AD Value is US\$ **238,000**





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